

Memo from

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To: Sir Peter Medawar

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Dear Peter

Thank you for your very warm invitation to visit you, which I dare say will be irresistible - I hope sometime soon.

Can you trace the earliest use of the precise phrase "genetic engineering"?

Here it is from 1949-50 (see. encl.).

Were you aware of that writing?

Tatum I know referred to "biological engineering" in his 1958 Nobel address, which may have been an independent reintroduction of the phrase. I did see it in one of your reprints. (Woodhull lecture, 1961.)

Yours,
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